

It's About Time...

NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

CANADA'S GAME: HOCKEY AND PORT HOPE'S BEAVER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Hockey is a sport with longevity. The first recorded use of the word "hockey" was in 1363 by King Edward III of England.

While the origin of the word is not known, it is suspected that "hockey" comes from the French word "hoquet" meaning "shepherd's staff."

Of course these early mentions of hockey weren't referring to ice hockey, a sport that was adapted to the winter climates of North America in the late 19th century. By 1924 ice hockey was so popular that it became part of the Winter Olympics.

Governed by the International Ice Hockey Federation, hockey is widely re-

garded as the most popular sport in Canada, Finland, Latvia, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia.

To this day, all across Ontario, children and adults lace up their skates and head to ponds or rinks to "shoot some puck."

The Beaver Athletic Association (BAA) grew out of a previously existing group known as the West End Rink Club (Englishtown). In 1946 the constitution of the BAA was drafted, and an outdoor skating rink was built at the corner of Little Hope and Sullivan Streets.

It was originally formed by a three person executive; including Keith Carruthers, who was involved for 15

years. Six men served as the first coaches for the BAA: Wes Friar, Mitt Fleming, Jim Archibald, Ted Watts Sr., Howard McMann, and Gord Rose.

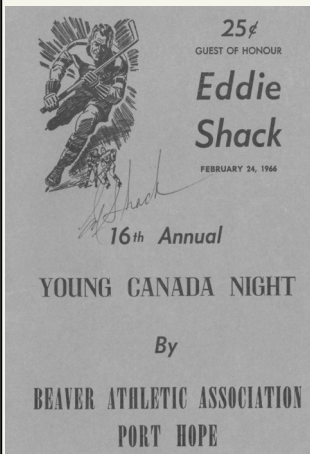
With both baseball and minor league hockey teams on the go, the BAA was a labour of love for those original coaches. But it soon proved to be too much, and the baseball teams unfortunately, were sent to the chopping block in favour of a sole focus on hockey.

A great success over the years, the BAA has even trained one of Port Hope's top exports in hockey: Jim Roberts - The Stanley Cup winner - played peewee hockey under the Beaver Athletics umbrella.

Sources:

Beaver Athletic Association Fonds (2003.48)

"Hockey" <http://www.wikipedia.org>



Far Left: Beaver Athletic Association Young Canada Night Program, signed by Eddie Shack, 1966 (PHA 2003.48)

Left: Port Hope Boy Scouts Hockey Team, 1917 (PHA 2007-25-2-1977). Identified:

Standing: E.M. Thurber, Ralston Roberts (Captain), J.L. Westaway (Manager)
Seated: Edgar Rowson, Charles Atwell, George Reynolds, Jack Westaway, Kenneth Ware

JOB SHADOW AT THE PHA

By Sonja Wiebicke

As part of my first semester at Durham College in the Library and Information Technician program, I had the opportunity to job shadow Archivist Erin Walsh at the Port Hope Archives every Friday afternoon for the last 6 weeks. I am a bit of a history buff, so it has been a very interesting experience learning about local Port Hope history and how documents are organized and preserved at an archives. My first Friday involved helping another Durham College student find information on local sports history for a report he was working on. We were able to find an old photo of a Port Hope baseball team circa 1890. Another highlight was learning how to research genealogical information. One donation contained an article that traced the Maybee family back to France in the 1500's. Last week, I discovered that the Great Farini (William Leonard Hunt)—a daredevil that walked across Niagara Falls on a tightrope in the late 1800's--was a citizen of Port Hope and is buried in Union Cemetery. Today, Erin and I sorted through a large donation of files from a local environmentalist. I came across a letter signed by Jean Cretien, then the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Working at an archives is touching history firsthand. How cool is that?



Sonja, our Durham College Placement Student, Fall 2012

ARCHIVIST'S MESSAGE

Erin Walsh, B.A.H., M.I.S.T

"Memory was given us," said Sir James Barrie, "that we might have roses in December." Such times as this invites us to retrace our steps through the years, that we may gather the roses of remembrance. For all the loves that cradled us, for all the hands that have shepherd us, for all the gifts of friendship – yours good friend among them – we this day give thanks.—Hazel Jacob, 1933 (PHA 2010.15.1)

Every year the holiday season fills us with love, hope and thankful feelings for the year we have had and the one which lies ahead.

The year 2012 was a great one for us at the Port Hope Archives. All our usual events were well attended, and we raised near record-breaking funds at our annual yard sale, which could've easily been rained-

out. We ended the year with an AMAZING 56 material donations, and a renewal of our tenure as "Municipal Archivist."

In November I was privileged to witness a heart-warming event in our reading room. Descendents of Thomas Goheen (1753-1838) gathered together to donate family records, photographs, diaries, and an incredibly

complete genealogy to the PHA. As each person signed our donation agreement, they shared stories of their ancestors and joyfully laughed at the memories.

During this mini-family reunion, I was reminded of how important family is to me on a personal and professional level. Our family here at the PHA is an eclectic collection of local historians,

businesses, citizens, volunteers, and donors; a family that I am particularly proud to call myself a part of.

We could not exist so robustly if it weren't for the great support of our members, volunteers, and the Port Hope community. And for you all we are so grateful!

Wishing you all the best that 2013 has to offer!

Erin

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR...

Happy New Year to you all!

We are gearing up for a busy 2013 at the PHA, with new projects and implementation of some new long-term strategies for increased community involvement and sustainability. Please join us at the Annual General Meeting on January 21st to hear about some of these exciting prospects.

As many of you know, in November the PHA made a presentation to the Municipality's Committee of the Whole in support of a renewal of our position as Official Archivist for the Municipality of Port Hope. I am pleased to advise that Council voted unanimously to renew both our position and our lease on the Mill Street building for another 5 years. I am heartened especially by Council's vigorous support and recognition of the importance and value of keeping Port Hope's history right here in the community, where it is easily available and accessible to our citizens and the wider global public. In the last few years the Port Hope Archives has served researchers from as far away as Australia and Brazil, and as close as the Port Hope United Church on South Street (which celebrates its 200th Anniversary in 2013!). Without the assistance of the Municipality and our loyal members, the Archives would be hard pressed to maintain our collection and provide the top-notch, professional services we have become known for. I'd like to thank everyone who wrote letters on our behalf and came out to the meeting to champion our cause. I offer a very big thank you to the staff and Council members of the Municipality for their assistance. And finally to our Board of Directors, our Archivist and our volunteers, who worked tirelessly to pull our presentation together – thanks for making me look good!

While working on our presentation I thought a lot about memory. How do we remember our past and where do we keep our memories? In the case of Port Hope, I like to think that some part of our collective memory lives in the Archives. The Archives remembers we were here, long after we have moved on. Send us your memories – we promise to take to good care of them!

I hope to see many of you at the AGM, and throughout the year!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

*Jan 21st, 2013 @ 7:30pm – PHA
Annual General Meeting*

*Come join us at the Port Hope Public
Library to hear all about our year in
2012, our upcoming oral history
project and enjoy free refreshments!*

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

If you're interested in preserving the history of your community, have fund-raising experience, or any other skills you think might benefit the PHA Board of Directors, contact us at archives@porthope.ca, by phone: 905-885-1673, or just drop by!



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!
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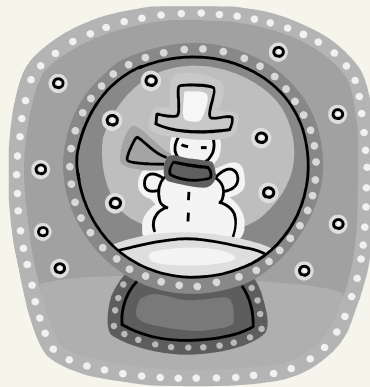
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Our Mandate:

The Port Hope Archives exists to collect and preserve archival materials which illustrate the growth and development of the Municipality of Port Hope or which pertain in whole or in part to activities within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of Port Hope.

Donations:

All donations of \$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt.
The Port Hope Archives is a registered charity.
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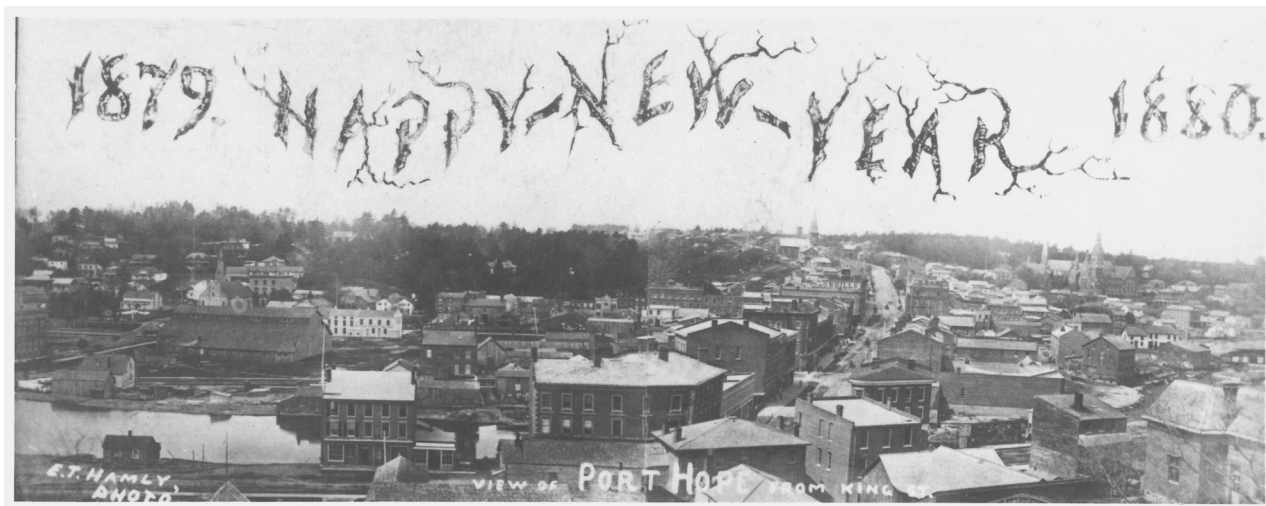
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HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday 1:00pm—5:00pm
1st Saturday (October to May) 9:00am—1:00pm
OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

PLEASE NOTE: THE ARCHIVES MAY CLOSE OR OPEN LATE IN TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER OVER THE WINTER MONTHS.

From the Photo Database ...



Happy New Year Port Hope, 1879-1880

PHA 995-20-2-136

This photo and others can be found in our Flickr photostream:
www.flickr.com/photos/porthopearchives

Description: B&W altered photograph of a view of Port Hope from King Street, created by E.T. Hamly, 1879. Shown: drill shed, Baptist Church, Our Lady of Mercy/St. Mary's RC Church, Methodist Church, St. John's Anglican Church, Midland House, Bank of Upper Canada, Customs House, fire hall before tower erected. Image is dated, "1879 Happy New Year 1880"